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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of Queen's Centre for International Relations, Defence Management Studies (Queen's University), the US Army War College, and Land Force Doctrine and Training System (Canadian Forces), we are pleased to announce this year's conference entitled: "Stability Campaigns: Do We Learn?" taking place in Kingston, 26-28 June 2007.

This year's conference brings together leading representatives of government, the military, international institutions and universities to reflect on how best to prepare military commanders and government officials to plan and conduct complex stability campaigns. The primary purpose is to gain a better understanding, not only of what has been learned from previous campaigns, but also - and more importantly - how military and civilian leaders 'learn to learn', that is, how they acquire the capacity to comprehend the situations they are in, and to respond effectively. Panels will focus on learning at the strategic and operational levels, on learning by non-military actors, and on the role of the academic, policy and media communities. Keynote speakers include General Rick Hillier, Chief of Defence Staff, Canadian Forces; and Stephen Johnson, US Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs.

The deadline to pre-register at the reduced rate of \$250.00 CAD is Friday, 1 June 2007. After this date, the full registration fee of \$300.00 CAD will apply. The registration fee is non-refundable. Registration covers the 'Meet and Greet' reception, meals, breaks, and attendance at historic Fort Henry's "Sunset Ceremony". These sunset performances by the Fort Henry Guard relive the pomp and pageantry of the British Military of 1867.

Once again, the conference venue is the Four Points by Sheraton Kingston. We have secured a preferential room rate of \$149.00 per night (plus applicable taxes) at the conference hotel. The deadline to secure a room at this preferred rate is 8 June 2007. Click this link - <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0702056755&key=E5D2> Stability Campaigns Conference - to access the on-line reserved conference block to book your room. If you are making your reservation by telephone (1-888-478-4333) please specify "Stability Campaigns Conference" to the reservation desk.

The conference registration form and agenda are available at <http://www.queensu.ca/cir/?q=QUAWC>. If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact the conference coordinators by telephone at 613-533-2381 or by email at quawc@queensu.ca. We are sure you will enjoy this opportunity to visit Kingston in early summer and look forward to welcoming you to the conference.

Sincerely yours,

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